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Bay St. Louis stretches out beyond the beach at Gulfshore with one of the three wings of the recently completed main building in the foreground. The committee looking after details of the construction of the assembly buildings met with the architect last week to inspect the building. Brooks Wester, pastor of First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, is chairman of the committee. Formal opening of the new assembly will be on May 5 with James L. Sullivan, retired president of the Sunday School Board, as the speaker. (More pictures inside.)



# Clashing Views Air At Conference On Taxation

WASHINGTON (BP) — Conflicting ideas clashed often at the religious liberty conference on "Taxation and the Free Exercise of Religion" here.

Participants unanimously agreed that government should not restrict freedom of religion. But there were sharp differences about the effect and ultimate outcome of federal tax policy as implemented by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

A general feeling prevailed at the end of the conference that both government and "churches" had much more homework to do in working out tax policies relating to religion and religion-related agencies.

The conference, the 16th sponsored by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, involved 144 participants, including high-ranking government officials, denominational executives, constitutional lawyers, pastors and laity.

Opened for the first time to representatives of other faiths, the conference attracted participants from seven national Baptist bodies, the National Council of Churches, Roman Catholics, Jews, Unitarians, Christian Scientists, Seventh-Day Adventists, Lutherans, Methodists, Mormons, Church of the Brethren, and Mennonites.

In discussing the IRS ruling on "integrated auxiliaries" of churches, Baptist Joint Committee executive director James E. Wood Jr. charged that this regulation "must be regarded as a serious encroachment of government on religion and an exercise of political authority totally unacceptable to the churches." He said "the IRS has violated both the letter and the spirit of the First Amendment."

(Many groups have felt that the IRS regulation defining "integrated auxiliaries" resulted in a definition of the church and its mission by government. They feel that the nature and mission of the church or churches is out of bounds for government and should remain exclusively for the churches to decide.)

Later, Alvin D. Lurie, assistant commissioner of the IRS for employee plans and exempt organizations, in a policy level speech to the conference, denied that the rule infringes on separation of church and state. In fact, he said that the rule finally agreed upon by IRS came in response to the protests of the churches and that the IRS officials thought that the finalized rule would be acceptable to the churches.

Conference participants were unable to cross-examine Lurie on his views, because his appearance before

the conference came with the understanding that he would not respond to questions from the audience. In a discussion period, however, Gary Nash, counsel for the Southern Baptist Annuity Board, wondered why IRS wrote the rule the way it did if indeed the intent was as Lurie explained.

Both Lurie and Laurence N. Woodworth, assistant secretary of the Treasury for tax policy, who spoke at the opening session, left the doors open for future negotiations with the churches for changes in the IRS rule to protect the freedom of religion from government interference.

Lurie said that all rules can be changed and that IRS will probably have to come up with a working definition of "church" sometime in the future. Woodworth suggested that the definition of "integrated auxiliary" could possibly be changed to some extent, although he did not specify how what it would be. He did say that "I for one would be glad to look at your proposals... myself and give you a considered response."

In a summary statement on the conference, Wood pointed out that it had resulted in better understanding by churches of some of the problems faced by taxing authorities and a sharper awareness by government officials of the problems faced by churches when tax policies are formulated. He said that although final answers to the problems had not been reached, both the churches and government are in a better position to work together to resolve some of the more difficult problems relating to churches and taxation.

## Newsbriefs In The World Of Religion



**San Diego (RNS)** — A \$220 million class-action suit has been filed in San Diego Superior Court against the Pacific and Southwest Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church on behalf of some 1,900 residents of the conference's Pacific Homes retirement facilities. The suit asserts that the non-profit corporation that operates the homes will run out of money by the end of the year. The suit seeks \$120 million for relocation expenses to get the residents to other homes, and \$100 million in exemplary damages.

**Port St. Lucie, Fla. (RNS)** — Episcopal Presiding Bishop John M. Allin stunned the House of Bishops of the 2.9-million-member denomination by offering to resign if it would help heal the rift in the Church. No vote of confidence was taken, but the failure of the bishops to accept his offer, plus individual statements of conscience by some prelates, indicated that the Presiding Bishop had received a *de facto* expression of support from the body at the beginning of a week-long meeting. During his State of the Church address to the bishops, Bishop Allin asked, "Can you accept the service of a Presiding Bishop who to date is unable to accept women in the role of priests?"

**Washington (BP)** — Despite warnings that anti-pornography sections might be unconstitutional or unenforceable, the House of Representatives passed legislation designed to stop the sexual exploitation of children.

The measure (H.R. 6693) was approved by 375 to 12. It will be sent to the Senate.

**Dallas (BP)** — Former Southern Baptist Convention president W. A. Criswell is leading in producing a reference Bible by a group of 15 Baptists. Criswell, pastor of the 19,000-member First Baptist Church, Dallas, said the "Criswell Reference Bible" based on the King James Version will be released to the public in December, 1978.

**Myrtle Beach, S. C. (BP)** — A husband-wife team has been ordained to the ministry by a South Carolina Baptist church here. Ocean View Baptist Church ordained Mr. and Mrs. E. Thomas Smith. He is the church's minister of music and she is the organist. Both were called by Ocean View and began duties June 1.

## Baptist Women Will Pray

WASHINGTON (BP) — Baptist women in more than a hundred countries will pray around the clock on Monday, November 7.

Mrs. Marie Mathis, president of the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance, said that many thousands of women's groups, some in community-wide congregations and some "by ones and twos", are expected to participate in the 30th annual observance of the Baptist Women's Day of Prayer.

Prayers will begin in the islands of the Southwest Pacific as the sun crosses the international date line for the beginning of a new day, and will continue through Asia, Africa, Europe and the Americas before the sun sets 35 hours later west of Hawaii.

The annual observance was started in 1948 when European women suggested a day of prayer to help bind up the wounds of World War II. Mrs. Kerstin Ruden of Sweden who attended the original planning session in London, is author of this year's Day of Prayer program, "A Future and a Hope," based on Jeremiah 29:1-14.

Mrs. Mathis said that the program has been translated into a hundred languages, and more than 100,000 copies have been distributed.

## Mission Service Corps?

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tive venture by the two mission boards and the SBC Brotherhood Commission and Woman's Missionary Union. VIM is a short-term plan for a year or less of mission service at home or abroad.

The computer system, based at the Home Mission Board, can hold up to a million names, Tanner said, a feature instant retrieval for immediate access by all of the agencies wishing to draw from the volunteer bank.

West, in processing all routine inquiries for Mission Service Corps, will send names to the data bank and will also forward applications to the appropriate board or state convention with which the person is volunteering to serve.

He will also continue to serve in his present capacity as the associate secretary in the Foreign Mission Board's department of denominational coordination who does liaison work with the Home Mission Board. He served 20 years as a foreign missionary in Nigeria, before joining the Foreign Mission Board's home office staff in Richmond in 1966.

## HMB Sets Budget; Appoints 20

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projects, personnel and sponsors" for the board for volunteers for service on home mission fields. The Foreign Mission Board has done the same for overseas volunteers.

"I think this indicates a very optimistic spirit of cooperation between the two mission agencies," said William G. Tanner, Home Mission Board executive director-treasurer. "For Mission Service Corps to be effective, it must have this kind of accord."

In other action, Don Rhymes was elected director of missionary personnel department; Betsy DeLaine Steedly will be director of accounting services, and Ed Seabough will transfer from personnel recruitment services to the new position of director of public relations and special events.

Directors honored retiring Atlanta employees including Clovis A. Brantley, associate director of Christian social ministries department; Bernice Elliott, Woman's Missionary Union field worker attached to the missions ministries division; Kate Ellen Gruver, assistant director of the interfaith witness department; Mrs. Ozzelle Head of associational missions division; William B. Mitchell, associate director of interfaith witness department; Mrs. Edna Simpson of missions ministries division; Clarice Whitner of personnel division; and Mrs. Jeanette Williams, accounting services director.

The 1978 budget, totaling \$28,021,307 — an increase of \$2 million above 1977 — will fund all home missions program, including the Bold Mission Thrust emphasizes to evangelize and congregationalize the nation. Bold Mission Thrust is the denomination's plan to proclaim the message of Christ to the entire world in this century.

The SBC's national Cooperative Program budget for world missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for home missions will provide the majority of the funds. With these funds, the Home Mission Board will create 150 new missionary positions, enlist and assign at least 20,000 volunteers for Bold Mission Thrust projects and continue planning and supporting home missions programs.

Some \$2.1 million in funds for the board's evangelism section will give special emphasis to Growing an Evangelistic Church, the section's overall plan of motivating, equipping and training persons in evangelism.

Evangelism will assist state conventions to train and equip 200 home and foreign missionaries and denominational leaders in the Growing an Evangelistic Church process, giving priority to Bold Mission Thrust key cities and counties.

Other evangelism projects will include involving 170,000 church members in effective personal evangelism

strategy and skill training. At least 16,400 volunteers will be enlisted, equipped and assigned to personal evangelism strategies, events and projects.

The missions section will spread the nearly \$21 million, budgeted for 1978, throughout the associational missions division, chaplaincy division, church loans division and missions ministries division. The section will use the funds to continue giving priority to Bold Mission Thrust programming.

Directors also approved Chris Elkins of Atlanta as a special consultant in interfaith witness. Elkins, a former official in the Unification Church, now a Southern Baptist.

Rhymes, pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church in Pearl Harbor, Honolulu, Hawaii, will begin in personnel Dec. 15. His duties will include giving leadership, supervision and correlation to recruitment and screening of all candidates for missionary appointment by the board.

Rhymes, associate director of this department until 1975, also worked in the hippie community of Atlanta during the early 70's and in apartment ministries in Lefrak City, New York City.

Steadily will begin work in accounting services in October and assume the position of director upon the retirement of Mrs. Williams. A Charleston, S. C., native, Steedly has worked the past four years as executive secretary in the planning section of the board. She holds a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Lander College in Greenwood, S. C.

Seabough will assume duties in the communication division on Jan. 1, according to James M. Sapp, division director. In this new role, Seabough will provide resources and leadership to the board for communication skills in the areas of public relations, special programs and events and promotion.

He is the author of a number of books including "Babble On and Other Ruins," "After the Riot and Other Debris," and "So You're Going to College," published by Brodman Press.

In addition, he has written lyrics for a number of musicals performed nationwide including, "Joy," "The Fabric of Freedom," "The Common Cup," and "Encounter."

## Cooperative Program

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vided among SBC agencies via the regular formula for distribution, while phase 2 funds were divided among the Foreign Mission Board (50 percent), Home Mission Board (25 percent), Radio and Television Commission (15 percent) and the six theological seminaries (10 percent).

## Bryant Feels

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A Southern Baptist, Miss Bryant said in her dressing room, that she feels sure that God is with her because of "the peace and joy I have in my heart. He's been faithful, even in the midst of persecution and loss of livelihood. In the midst of chaos, he's given me peace," she said.

She said that all through the hate campaign that has been waged against her, that her husband, Bob Greene, and their four children "were together as a family. They have never been afraid of intimidation." She said that they have family devotions together. "Because we had open communications from the beginning, we became closer as intimidations grew stronger."

Miss Bryant said that the Dade County vote caused the Supreme Court to decide not to rule on another discrimination case of a homosexual in Seattle, and that maybe now Americans can "decide for ourselves what our standards are."

The Dade County vote, "was the most prayed for event in the history of our nation," she said. "I don't think there was a city in the nation that didn't have a prayer group going." She added that she holds an interdenominational women's prayer group in her own home weekly.

"My stand has always been of love for the homosexual, but what I've said has been twisted," she said.

Miss Bryant wants supporters to write her in Miami Beach, Fla., 33140.

## Educators Review Values In Study Followup

By Darrell W. Wood

NASHVILLE (BP) — More than 75 Southern Baptist educators participated in the first followup phase of the most comprehensive self-study ever undertaken by Southern Baptist colleges and schools with a two-day national workshop here.

The study, conducted by the program in liberal (arts) studies at the University of Arizona, headed by Earl J. McGrath, a former U. S. commissioner of education, grew out of National Colloquium on Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools in June, 1976. Some 900 participants in the colloquium examined theological and biblical presuppositions of Christian higher education and unanimously adopted reaffirmations of those presuppositions.

During the workshop, Landrum Bolling, president of Lilly Endowment, which provided the program in liberal studies a \$100,000 grant to make the McGrath Study possible, emphasized the importance of Christian values on the college campus.

"The basic issues are those issues about human destiny, about the nature of God, the nature of the universe, the nature of man, and about our responsibility to that universe, to God, and to one another," he told the Baptist educators.

The workshop provided an opportunity for the Baptist school administrators to hear interpretations of the various findings by McGrath and by John Minter, who conducted the financial section of the study.

The McGrath Study, sponsored jointly by the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools, reviewed church-college relationship, institutional functioning and goals, and financial trends.

Major goals of the study included examination of the purposes and programs of Baptist schools, identification of strengths and weaknesses, analysis of how faculties and administrators perceive the ordering of goals, and assessment of financial condition.

The study contains many positive statements about the work of Baptist colleges and schools. On the other hand, the report indicates some weaknesses which the college presidents, deans, and faculties are concerned about correcting.

The report reveals that student enrollment increased 31 percent during the 10 year period, 1965-75, considerably better than higher education in general. The financial study shows Southern Baptist colleges and universities are considerably stronger than the average private institution, and receive better support from private gifts and grants, including church sources, than many other church-related colleges.

Baptist colleges ranked high in their link with the church and the denomination. About half the schools were given high marks for a clear and explicit statement of religious purpose and service to the denomination, while most of the others have relatively definite but implied statements of such purpose.

According to Bolling, "The (non-Southern Baptist) church colleges that

have become weakest are those that have cut their ties with the church. There is something very vital about maintaining that linkage both ways — both for the maintenance of vitality in the church and for maintaining vitality in the college."

Speaking of the importance of maintaining strong church-college ties for preserving Christian values in an increasingly secular society, McGrath told the Baptist educators that "the best hope I have yet discovered, when you consider a corporate group of institutions, is in this group (Southern Baptist colleges and universities)."

In assessing the impact of the McGrath Study and the followup program among participating Baptist schools, Ben Fisher, executive director-treasurer of the SBC's Education Commission, said: "This is the most extensive study undertaken by Baptist colleges and universities. The ultimate value of the study will be determined by the vigor with which each institution is willing to engage in corrective self-examination during the followup."

## MSU Retreat Held At Callaway

Doug Ezell, professor of New Testament at Southwestern Seminary was guest speaker for the annual fall retreat of the Mississippi State University Baptist Student Union.

The group of 129 students retreated to Callaway Gardens at Pine Mountain, Ga., and while there, heard Mrs. Alvin Davis, organizer for the Gardens, present a gospel concert.

## POWERLINE

### A Straight Line to Youth

LIVING TOGETHER PRESENTS PROBLEMS

Experimentation with life-styles often reveals logical bases for Christian principles.

I am 21; my girl friend is 20. We are in college and have been living together since last fall. We care for each other, but we are afraid of marriage. Both of us come from divorced homes. We want to avoid that kind of commitment until we are sure. The problem is that she is pregnant. It's too late to get an abortion, but marriage would really mess up our school and career plans. What should we do?

This is like bringing us a scrambled egg and asking us to put it back into the shell intact.

A recent study shows that when people marry at an early age and the girl is already pregnant, they face an 80 per cent divorce rate within the first five years. When the individuals are around 24 years or older, out of college, and willing to postpone having children for at least two years, the divorce rate drops to less than 5 per cent. Why is this so?

First, most students are still changing. They can't wisely choose a marriage partner in the midst of self-discovery. Second, educational and career pressures exist for both the man and the woman. Persons who are highly motivated toward career achievement may find debts, diapers, and dishes less than appealing. Third, both persons may later feel robbed of dating experiences unique to the young adult years. Fourth, resentment can easily creep into the home and affect not only the parents but also the child.

In the light of such evidence, you may decide that pregnancy alone is not a stable foundation for marriage. The commitment must precede the conception. Adoption perhaps would be a viable option. Why not consult a wise counselor? Investigate your own hang-ups as well as the immediate problem. We know that with God's guidance you can come to a purposeful choice out of unhappy circumstances.

A weekly radio program for youth broadcast nationwide by So. Baptist Radio-TV Commission. For information write POWERLINE, Fort Worth, Texas 76116. Dr. J. P. Allen, Director, Audience Response.

## Gulfshore Views

The main building at Gulfshore is in three sections with two residence wings to the sides and the offices, cafeteria, infirmary, equipment room, and other facilities in the middle. The photo below shows construction committee chairman Brooks Wester pointing out a matter to architect Chet Allred. They are standing on the middle wing. Committeemen Frank Gunn of Biloxi and Chester Vaughn of the Convention Board staff walk by. The photo above shows the two residence wings of the main building.





# Supreme Court Reconvenes; Acts On Church-State Cases

By Stan Hasty

WASHINGTON (BP) — Returning for its new term, the U. S. Supreme Court took numerous actions relating to church-state and human rights questions during its first full week of work after the summer recess.

The high court heard oral arguments in two church-state cases, including a challenge by the Calvary Baptist Church of Washington, D. C., to the century-old "mortmain" law in the District of Columbia which makes any bequest to a clergyman or religious organization invalid if made within 30 days of the testator's death.

The other church-state case heard by the justices involves a challenge by a New York parochial school to the

state's refusal to reimburse the institution for the cost of services rendered during the second half of school year 1972-73, after a federal court struck down the law permitting such aid. That decision was later affirmed by the Supreme Court.

In another major church-state action, the high court affirmed without comment two lower court decisions upholding college tuition grant programs in North Carolina and Tennessee. Both the U.S. District Court for western North Carolina and a similar tribunal for middle Tennessee ruled earlier that tuition grant programs to students attending sectarian colleges does not violate the First Amendment.

The actions come as no real surprise, in view of the high court's deci-

sion last year upholding a similar plan in Maryland. Three justices, William J. Brennan Jr., Thurgood Marshall and John Paul Stevens, indicated they voted to accept the cases for oral argument and a new decision. Four justices must agree to hear a case, however, before it comes to the court.

In other church-state cases, the justices declined to hear: a Eugene, Ore., case challenging the constitutionality of that city's erecting a large cross on public land as part of a war memorial; an appeal from a church organizer in Illinois who claimed she was dismissed from her job at a Methodist church for joining a congregation of another faith; a California church property dispute on grounds that the civil courts of that state have no jurisdiction to decide whether a local congregation has departed from the religious tenets of the parent church; a challenge to Washington, D. C., housing authorities' designating a piece of condemned land under public domain to be used as an extension of a downtown church's parking lot; an appeal by two Louisiana men convicted of violating Sunday closing laws; and a challenge by students at Huntington Beach, Calif., high school who were denied permission to conduct meetings of a Bible study club on school premises during school hours or publicize their activities in the school newspaper or on bulletin boards on grounds that such activities violate the "no establishment" clause of the First Amendment.

In a pair of cases involving the rights of homosexuals, the justices also declined to hear appeals of lower court decisions which ruled against them. The court refused to review an order by a local school board in New Jersey that a teacher, who became president of a statewide gay organization and openly promoted the group, submit to psychiatric examination. In addition, the justices declined to review the dismissal of a Washington state public school teacher who is also a practicing homosexual. Justices Brennan and Marshall indicated they voted to hear the appeals.

In a sex discrimination action, the high court agreed to hear arguments in a California case involving alleged bias in a company pension plan. A federal court of appeals ruled earlier that the company's requirement that women pay larger monthly premiums to the pension fund because their life expectancy is longer than that of males violates both the Equal Pay Act and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act.

The court let stand a pair of lower court decisions involving race discrimination. In one, the justices declined to hear a challenge to a federal district court order imposing mandatory quotas on the Chicago Police Department designed to remedy past race discrimination.

In the other, the court likewise declined to set aside an Illinois law which requires that police department promotions be made from a roster of candidates ranked by civil service standards. A federal district court had ruled earlier that the roster must be set aside in order to increase the number of black and Hispanic police sergeants on Chicago's force. No explanation was offered by the high court for its refusal to resolve the conflict in the two cases.



## Mexican Church Constitutes

After the constituting service of Benjamin Burgos Memorial Baptist Church in Shelby, participants went to Duncan Baptist Church for a Mexican dinner. Frank Ruiz, pastor of the new church, is in center of picture with dark hair.

## Hinds BSU Breaks Ground For Center

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Hinds Junior College Baptist Student Union Center will take place on the corner of Main and Mimosa Sts. in Raymond, at 10 a.m., Oct. 22.

Current and former members, plus the public are invited. Miss B. J. Frew is BSU director.

The BSU will also hold an openhouse after the Hinds homecoming game that day.

## Cooperative Missions

## Mobile Home Conference Will Examine Ministry Ideas

There will be a Mobile Home Ministries Awareness Conference on October 27, 1977 at the First Baptist Church, Ocean Springs and on October 28, 1977 at William Carey College, Hattiesburg. The session in Ocean Springs will begin at 7:00 pm - 9:30 p.m. and the one at Hattiesburg is 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The purpose of the Mobile Home Conference is to confront the churches, leaders and members, with the challenge of church extension in mobile home parks; to share with them basic approaches to mobile home park ministries and to motivate them in church extension to reach the people living in the mobile home parks around the churches.

Talmadge Richard Amberson serves as a special consultant for the Church Extension Department of the Home Mission Board. He will be speaking on the Models and Approaches for Ministries to Mobile Home Parks; and the Organizations and Workers for the Ministry. Nelson Tilton serves as a consultant in the church extension department of the Baptist Convention of New York. He will be speaking on the Challenge of Mobile Home Ministry; and Understanding the Mobile Home and It's People. The insight and experience of

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## The Missions Task Stewardship Victories

By John Alexander, Director, Stewardship Department

Victories in Christian stewardship achieved in the hearts and budgets of Christian families are not won by programs. They are won through the power of God transforming the way Christians think, plan, and act. When a Christian is really converted to the practice of Christian stewardship, it happened in his heart. Only God can reach and change the heart, the inner man.

It was this way with Moses. His victories were not won with human hands. He saw the power of God at every needed moment. God who called and commissioned him provided the miracles necessary for him to accomplish the mission. God has not changed nor has his power diminished.

Although the victories we seek are won through and by the power of God, he uses instruments, plans, programs, and people in doing his work. If it is the will of God, and I believe it is, that we share our faith with every living person in the whole world in the next 24 years, how is this task to be accomplished? It must start in your head, in your heart, and in your home.

A new generation of preachers are coming on the scene. Our seminaries are overflowing with them. They do not have many of the inhibitions of the past. They are not afraid to talk about money, missions, and the real things that matter in a church. They, like ancient Moses, will be the best trained generation of leaders Southern Baptists have ever seen. They will have available to them "instruments" and "programs" their predecessors have perfected. If they only have the commitment, it remains to be seen what they together can lead our churches to achieve. Millions of Southern Baptist men, women, and youth are just waiting for leaders who are willing to tackle the difficult tasks, who don't realize it can't be done.

Signs of an incoming tide are abundant everywhere. Something great is about to happen among Southern Baptists in the world. We are more and more majoring on the majors and ignoring the minors. We are once again daring to be bold. Millions around the world, asleep in their sins, are waiting to be awakened by anyone who can demonstrate his faith through an exemplary life and share it with boldness and confidence.

More and more churches, state conventions, and denominational Boards and agencies are shedding those who simply work for a pay check in favor of those who respond to a calling and are willing to pay the price to achieve the victory for God. They are responding to a call, not just occupying a position. As the faint-hearted fall away, they are being replaced by real soldiers.

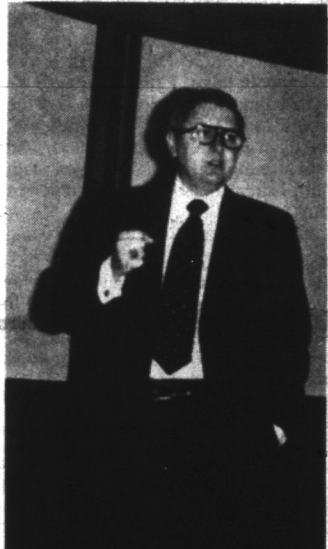
Gideon, after the indulgent and faint-hearted had faded away, took the 300 and won a signal victory. It is not that we need more people, but that we need more real men. We need pastors and workers who really and seriously are willing to tackle the humanly impossible with God.

We need every church actively committed to its major role and response in world missions willing to pay whatever price is necessary to do the job. We need pastors and leaders who are willing to call on the people to sacrifice in order to share their faith. Most Christians realize that there is something lacking in their experience with God and their church. For most, it is that they are uncommitted at the point of their material response to God in worship. They do not enjoy their faith for it cost them nothing!

Think about it!



Sixty-five persons registered for the Creative Pulpit Communications Workshop held at Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson, Oct. 13. The workshop was sponsored by the Church Music Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Parkway Church, Jackson, assisted by Byron Malone, Daniel pastor, led the two-hour creative worship service in the evening, utilizing areas of creative communication that had been studied during the day — drama, lighting, sound, music, multi-media. Above, Henry Fergus, of Bowie and Fergus, Inc., and member of First Church Jackson, demonstrates a slide viewer for Jimmy McCaleb, minister of music at 38th Avenue Church, Hattiesburg; Dan Hall, director, Church Music Department; and Mrs. Jimmy McCaleb.



Eldon Sparrow from the Radio and Television Commission in Fort Worth gave a slide presentation illustrating the proper installation of sound systems in sanctuaries.

## 65 Seek Ways For Creative Communication



Rose Mary Rumbley, director of the Drama Guild at First Church, Dallas, gave a program on the "Seven Christian Graces," that included an original puppet show, "The Prodigal Dog." She also directed the workshop, Music with Drama. Other workshops and their leaders were Portable Sound Equipment, Charles Redd, Long Beach; Lighting, David Lanham, Jackson; and Multi-Image, Don Ellis and Gerald Smith, Jackson.

## What If The Missionaries Hadn't Come To Nigeria?

By 'Biodun Opaleye Nigerian Christian

IBADAN, Nigeria — Missionaries have been in Nigeria for 127 years and no man can possibly evaluate the benefit their presence has brought to my country.

I think of my own life. My parents had known missionaries, so when I was born Christ was already in my home. He was in the schools. He was in the hospitals. He was in the villages far away in the bush areas. He was reaching out through people in other places through lives that had been influenced by the gospel message.

The list of the names of missionaries who influenced my own life is long.

God gave me a talent for writing. Somehow I discovered it in 1962 while working for the government. My only hope to enter the field of journalism seemed to be to enroll in a writer's course, which I did. I worked hard on the lessons sent to me.

At Orita Mefa Baptist Church in Ibadan where I attended, I was encouraged in my writing attempts by Southern Baptist Missionaries Nan Owens (now resigned) and Mary Katherine (Mrs. L. Raymon) Brothers (now emeritus). Later another missionary, Barbara Epperson, contacted me because she had heard of my interest in writing.

She asked many questions and when she was assured that my ambition was really in the field of Christian journalism, she arranged for me to be on the staff of Baptist Press Limited of Nigeria, where she served as acting manager.

Soon I was very much involved in

Sunday School retreats, local writers' courses, feature assignments and much travel. I even found time to contribute articles to secular newspapers on social ills and suggested reforms.

## Retreat For Deaf To Be At State Park



Shoemaker Fair

A Bible study retreat for the deaf will be held Oct. 29-30 at the Paul B. Johnson State Park, Hattiesburg.

Gary Shoemaker, pastor for the deaf, Springhill Church, Mobile, Ala., a deaf man, will lead the Bible study. James Fair, a deaf layman will lead the singing and the recreational activities. He is a member of First Church, Houston, Tex.

Rodney Webb, consultant, Cooperative Missions Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will do the reverse interpreting for the hearing family members.

This conference is sponsored by the Cooperative Missions Department.

My limited vision of missions soon soared to worldwide interest. I began to meet not only our local leaders, several of whom are missionaries, but also Southern Baptist leaders from the United States.

As my list of missionaries grows longer, my mind jumps from one exciting job or adventure to another. There were several assignments from missionaries and a missionary pastor at my church.

The Gordon E. Robinsons' lawn has been an annual meeting place for a Christmas carol singing. I wonder if I should give thought to keeping up such a gathering after the Robinsons have returned to the States.

And an international Christian group with which I meet gives me a rich spiritual treat.

There are many missionaries I've met and known who have not contributed directly to my particular work, but have added their own influences in helping me grow in the Christian life through the exhibition of their lives.

None of these influences struck me as being unusual when I first came in contact with them. But as I sit considering where I am, assessing my increasing responsibilities in my home to my little daughter, in my church, and in the Nigerian Baptist Convention. I realize how much these missionaries are a part of my own influence. I thank God for their lives and His blessing to me through them.

I think again how God in His marvelous grace included me in the blessings of the gifts to missions that support those who bring the Good News, and I say aloud, "What if these missionaries hadn't come?"

Starting up to admire your halo is certain to create a pain in your neck. Figures don't lie, but some of them, on examination, don't stand up.

There are a lot of people who can resist everything except temptation. Every man has a right to his opinion, but no man has a right to be wrong in his facts.

You can't stop people from thinking, but you can start them.

## Women In Church Vocations Consultation Set For 1978

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Plans are underway for a Consultation on Women in Church Related Vocations which will be held in Nashville, Sept. 20-22, 1978, according to Catherine Allen of the Woman's Mission Union, chairperson of the Consultation.

The consultation, a project approved by the Inter-Agency Council of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), is supported and planned by eight SBC agencies.

The agencies planning the meeting are the Sunday School Board, Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood Commission, Christian Life Commission, Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

"This consultation is designed to enable denominational agencies to secure data, to examine issues and to

## Do All Students Look Alike?

Sometimes it seems that students not only all dress alike, but tend to look alike. Not only did a number of students bring their "noses", but most had their Bibles at the convention. Some of the good-natured students stayed in a motel which had no water, on Saturday. They melted ice cubes with blow dryers and didn't complain. Most stayed in local homes which did have water. Students pictured here were attending the annual State BSU Convention in Columbus.



to study the ordination of women," stressed Allen. "There are many more issues concerning vocational involvement for women in our denominational life and these areas are the focus of the consultation."

Attendance is limited to those Southern Baptist Convention agencies and state conventions which are invited by the sponsoring agencies. Though participation must be limited to about 300 persons, some invitations will be sent to the general public.

Personnel from the participating agencies are working on committees to plan the program, local arrangements, finances, publicity, and to process the findings.

God's child must live in the world; he must not allow the world to live in him. — Gloucester Baptist



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## Editorials

### Gulfshore Assembly

## Baptists Can Be Proud

Mississippi Baptists surely have a facility of which they can be very proud in Gulfshore assembly. The convention's Gulfshore construction committee gathered at the assembly grounds last week to inspect the completed main building, and it is a lovely thing indeed.

There was not a cloud in the sky on inspection day. The gleaming white building against the blue sky with the waters of Bay St. Louis rolling up on a sandy beach just yards away provided a setting almost too lovely to be imagined without seeing it.

The three-story building is not plush. It is not elaborate. It is beautiful, and it is functional, and it is adequate. It has accommodations for almost 350. There are rooms for two people, and there

are family units that have stoves and refrigerators. There are rooms to accommodate just about any size of group. Classrooms, kitchen, dining area, and infirmary are all in the main building. A new auditorium is being built on the foundations of the old Gymnasium, which burned about a year ago.

A pier is being built into the bay that will have a walkway and a platform at the end. It will provide a sheltered cove for boats, and boat slips have been provided along the walkway. Boats will tie up on one side of the walkway, and an enlarged beach will be on the other.

This will be a facility that will provide untold hours of training and in-

struction and at the same time be a beautiful setting for as many hours of high inspiration.

The study committee under the chairmanship of Beverly Tinnin of Meridian, the fund-raising committee under the chairmanship of David Grant of Jackson, and the construction committee under the chairmanship of Brooks Wester of Hattiesburg are all to be highly commended and are due special thanks by Mississippi Baptists.

The Lord has provided a wonderful thing on the Gulf Coast in Mississippi. There is not another facility like it in the Southern Baptist Convention. Let us use it to glorify the Lord, and there will be no measuring the effectiveness of the ministry that will be provided there.

## Book Reviews

**PATHWAYS FOR THE POET** by Viola Jacobson Berg (Mott Media, 235 pp.)

The subtitle is poetry patterns explained and illustrated. This is a resource book for poets, teachers, and students. It defines and illustrates over 200 poetry forms. It gives helpful hints on publishing and market lists for beginning poets. It provides ideas and tools for the poetry instructor.

**TREASURY OF THE WORLD'S GREAT SERMONS** compiled by Warren W. Wiersbe (Kregel, 662 pp., \$12.95)

This is a compilation of sermons by 123 of the world's most notable preachers of the ancient and the modern Christian era. At the beginning of each sermon there is a short paragraph about the author, dates of birth and death, sermon topic and Bible texts. You will find sermons by such men as John Calvin, Jonathan Edwards, John Bunyan, Christmas Evans, C. H. Spurgeon, G. Campbell Morgan, etc.

**LOVE HAS ITS REASONS** by Earl F. Palmer (Word Books, \$5.95, 126 pp.) Mr. Palmer discusses the love of God as portrayed in the New Testament—a love so radical, so unheard-of, that New Testament writers had to find a new word for it. It was agape love, that "is free and sets free. . . ." This book puts the New Testament concept of love into its first-century setting so that we get an idea of how the Greeks and Romans of that time would have understood its meaning.

**THE LIFE OF CHRIST** by Robert Duncan Culver (Baker, \$8.95, 304 pp.) This book is designed specifically to help students at Bible institutes and colleges, as well as first-year seminarians. It is divided into four parts, following Jesus' own summary of his career: "I came forth from the Father (part 1), and am come into the world (part 2); again I leave the world (part 3) and go to the Father (part 4)." (John 16:28). Maps, drawings, and photographs illustrate the text.

**HOW TO TUTOR** by Samuel L. Blumenfeld (Mott Media, paper, \$4.95, 296 pp.) If you would like to be a tutor, here is a book that tells you how to qualify as one, and how to teach the basics of reading, writing, and arithmetic to the child. The book is well-organized and would be a valuable guide for the inexperienced tutor.

**MAGNIFICENT MARRIAGE** by Gordon MacDonald (Tyndale, 183 pp.) The author begins with the premise that successful marriages start with commitment and are sustained by hard work. He does not offer a flood of easy solutions to marriage problems. But his careful biblical analysis of the problems make many of the solutions seem obvious.



## Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

### October Is Like Friday

I like Friday afternoons when my desk is almost clear and all the jobs I feared on Monday morning are nearly finished. October gives me the good feelings of a Friday afternoon, for the tasks of another year are almost complete. Many problems that looked big in January scarcely matter now.

October is first frost and ripe persimmons. It is goldenrod and red-gold sweetgum leaves. It is apples and pumpkins and flaming sumac.

October is the State Fair and eating pronto pups. It is hearing Anita Bryant sing "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" while chill bumps prickly my arms and teardrops try to squeeze through my lashes.

October is the bazaar at St. Andrews Episcopal Church—the fragrance of freshly baked bread, the musty odor of old books, the beckoning gleam of pickles and jellies, homemade candies, dried grasses.

October is W. D. finding the inspiration to finish building the cabinet over the washing machine. It is a letter from Mama asking, "How do you like this bright blue weather?"

October is the MC Civitan run from Clinton to Delta State, to benefit the Mississippi Lung Association. And my nephew, Tom Brown, is running a mile every night to get in shape for his stint. It is a reminder that I need to follow his example.

October is the Canton Flea Market where Evelyn Keyes, on vacation, is selling ceramic Christmas tree ornaments, and senior citizens from Woodland Hills Church are buying and looking.

October is Florence Larrimore going to New Orleans Seminary on a Saturday to visit her and Tom's son, Van, who recently enrolled there.

October is a new group of fifth grade GAS at Morrison Heights Church.

October is school back in full swing—Betty teaching grammar, Karen teaching remedial reading, and Luann

commuting to LaGrange College. October is nippy mornings when the dogs are chasing squirrels that live in the backyard trees.

October is Pastor Harold Jones asking, "Are you and W. D. coming to Harvest Day at Straight Bayou Church? It's the first Sunday in November. Remember?"

October is memories of harvests past, when Daddy and I hauled corn and hay in his two-mule wagon. One of my jobs was opening and closing the barbed wire gap. Another was jumping up and down on the hay in the wagon as Daddy threw more and more onto the pile with his sharp-pronged pitchfork. One day I didn't pack as well as I should have. I know, because we were riding toward the barn and the whole load slid off, including me. Daddy was unaware of his loss, and kept bumping on up the rutty red road, while I sat astonished in the middle of a ditch.

Sometimes when we unloaded corn, the ears in their shucks would still be warm from the autumn sun. In the corn crib, the rays of light slanted through the wide cracks in the rough planks. Specks of dust floating on the beams of light looked like tiny jewels. In Sunday School, when we studied the "mote that is in your brother's eye," I thought the mote must look like a little speck of dust dancing in the October sunlight.

October is a time of taking stock. Have I left any jobs undone? any goals unreachd? any grudges unforgotten?

## On The Moral Scene

**173 DAYS OF INCOME TAXES FOR MILITARY**—U. S. taxpayers will work until June 22 before income taxes from their earnings will be spent by the government on anything but military-related costs, according to an analysis of the proposed 1978 fiscal year budget made by the Friends Committee on National Legislation, a Washington-based Quaker lobby, and published in their March Newsletter. By contrast, taxpayers work two hours for the Peace Corps, 48 minutes for elderly nutrition programs, 24 days for natural resource development (agriculture, energy, parks, conservation). Many current defense expenditures also commit future tax revenues: Research and development now means weapons systems tomorrow and the maintenance of those systems; manpower today means pensions and VA costs tomorrow. Manpower costs constitute nearly 60% of the defense budget; members of the armed forces do not contribute to their retirement benefits as do most civilian workers. The FCNL analysis also notes items omitted or inadequately funded. They include funds for the Indian Health Service, start-up costs of a national health insurance program, \$500 million for annual storage costs of the U. S. share of a world grain reserve, and funds for a U. S. Rural Development Bank to provide technical assistance and credit to the poor in rural areas, as well as funds for projects and research to aid in economic conversion where workers, industries, and communities would be hit by cuts in military spending. — (FCNL, April 6, 1977)

**CRIME RECORD**—New York City established a crime record of sorts last year with approximately 650,000 felonies—breaking down into about 9 robberies per hour, 11 rapes and 5 known murders per day. (Parade Magazine, May 29, 1977)

**GUN CURB FIGHT MOUNTS**—The National Rifle Association is cutting back on its conservation and wildlife programs to devote most of its energies to fighting gun control. (Nashville Tennessean, May 25, 1977)

## Guest Editorial

## Is The Judeo-Christian Ethic Gone?

There is a sinister movement today which poses a grave danger for the moral and spiritual quality of American society. It is the effort to make it appear that injustice and immorality are the norm and that the ethical and moral teachings of Christianity are no longer taken seriously by many Americans.

This is an effort to rid us of what has been called the Judeo-Christian ethic in American life. The Judeo-Christian ethic is but a name for the standards of conduct taught in the Old and New Testaments. These standards were a vital influence in many of our founding fathers and therefore are reflected in the American constitution and in national, state and local mores and laws.

The place of Christian religion in the development of America is interesting and unique. Our nation's earliest framers were determined to keep state and church separate because they had suffered too much in a system where one church was favored and advanced by civil government. At the same time they took their religious convictions seriously and wanted a

society based on principles and standards found in the Bible. The result was a free civil government based on biblical teachings.

This Judeo-Christian ethic has had a significant part in making America the greatest nation on earth. As a nation we have not always lived up to the highest standards of biblical revelation but we have never given up trying and no other nation has come as close as America.

But the scene is changing. More and more of American life is becoming devoid of the morality that once characterized our national life. This is seen on every hand but television presents its most graphic example. One without any knowledge of past American life watching television programs today would never suspect America was ever anything but a nation of immoral and lewd libertines.

Recent political scandals related to the White House and Congress have put prominent Americans in the same class as common criminals. One is made to wonder if any honest person is left in the land.

Is this abandonment of the Judeo-Christian ethic a natural drift of the result of scheming and wicked society manipulators? Probably both.

Are things as bad as they appear? Is America beyond redemption? Is the Judeo-Christian ethic gone forever? Are we in the post-Christian era?

I think not. While we need to face reality and never hide our heads in the sand, we should not leave unchallenged the claims that America is past the period when biblical morality is taken seriously.

Our morals are not as low as those that characterize television programming. All office holders are not dishonest and principleless. Marriage is not about to give way to free love. Homosexuality will not be considered as a respectable alternative life style. Honesty, integrity and chastity are still ideals for millions of Americans.

Let us not lower any personal standards nor our high expectations of others. America as a nation will never become Christian nor is that the plan of God. God does not make a nation Christian but makes Christians whose lives influence national standards.

If Christians are the salt of the earth as we are supposed to be, the Judeo-Christian ethic will be a strong influence in American society not only in

this generation but for our children and our grandchildren. Lord grant it!

by C. R. Daley  
Western Recorder, Kentucky

## Letters To The Editor

### Abhors Halloween

Dear Brother:

I am a Southern Baptist. I got this paper at church and it startled me. (Note: The paper described Halloween as a festival of darkness and evil spirits.)

The Bible says in Eph. 4:27: "Give no place to the devil," and by Christians' celebrating or participating in Halloween we are giving place to Satan. He must have quite a few laughs over Christians' celebrating his day! Isn't that an alternative?

Couldn't we as Christians get together and have our own fun, perhaps at the churches, on that night? This would keep the kids off the streets and, if you think about it, something bad always happens on Halloween. Last year a child was the victim of a hit and run driver on Woody Drive.

Poisons, razor blades and ground up glass are put in candy or fruit. Kids all over the nation find mischief or meanness to do and the parents give consent by saying, "Well, after all, it's Halloween. You can just expect that sort of thing."

Well, from my point of view, we Christians should not have any part in it. The Bible has a lot to say about demons and evil spirits. They are real, powerful and are not to be toyed with. This is not a game we can play and not be affected by it. You play with fire and you will be burned. (Acts 19:11-20). We are to cast them out (Mark 16:17), not fellowship with them (Eph. 5:11). The word of God could not be any plainer. It is time for us as Christians to take a stand and be heard for what we believe instead of going along with the world's way of doing things. This includes having your palm read or fortune told at the fair (II Cor. 6:17).

Again, this is serious, and not a game. (Study Eph. 5:1-18). Satan is

deceitful, the father of lies (John 8:44). He makes this "look" real innocent. "It's just a night for kids to go out and get free candy." NO! Darkness is his time of day. We are the Children of Light and as for me and my house we will serve the Lord. Praise God!

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### Appreciation For SBC

Dear Sir:

In the summer of 1976 we experienced something we pray never to again. That is, a church being led by the pastor to withdraw from the SBC. The reasons were numerous, but two very strong points were (1) liberal teachings throughout the SBC, in our schools, and by other leaders as had been written about in the book, "The Battle for the Bible" and the "Southern Baptist Journal." (2) pressures put on the pastors of local churches to go along with everything that any and every board or agency advocates.

We did not agree with this and moved our membership back to the church which began this one as a mission.

During this past year, as funds were available, I have written letters to different boards and agencies as well as individuals, trying to discover if these accusations have any justification. I have learned many things about our SBC that I was not aware of. With each new revelation concerning its operations, I am more impressed with it. I have discovered only a few things that disturb me somewhat, and for those I pray.

I have worked the past six months for the Director of Missions in our association, Oakland County Baptist, and not only am enjoying it, but am learning many things about our con-

vention first hand.

Presently, as funds make it possible, I am subscribing to the various state papers. I thought that perhaps this would give an idea about what is going on in different states.

Enclosed you will find \$3.00 for one year's subscription to the Baptist Record.

Mrs. Mary A. Blythe  
Waterford, Michigan 48095

### Baptist Institutions

Dear Friend:

I have read with interest and appreciation the Thursday, August 25, issue of The Baptist Record and I thank you particularly for the very fine editorial on Baptists and education.

You have spoken with insight and conviction. It has been my contention for a number of years that many times we fail to understand the historic contribution of the Baptist institutional witness. It started with the establishment of colleges prior to the Southern Baptist Convention. It continued with the establishment of papers, many times privately owned; but at an early stage Baptists learned the power of the printed word. Next, we built orphanages and then hospitals and then homes for the aged. Our institutions give flesh and blood to the spirit of the Cooperative Program because they are visible and tangible.

These are days when many other denominations are viewing Southern Baptists with envy and are asking for the secret of our growth. I suppose there are many secrets, but certainly one of the main reasons for our phenomenal growth has been our Baptist state papers. May they continue to prosper and serve.

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# Czech Bible To Mark 400th Anniversary

NEW YORK — The 400th anniversary of the Kralice Bible, whose publication in 1579 was a high point of the Bohemian Reformation, will be marked in Czechoslovakia in 1979 by the publication of a new interconfessional Bible in modern Czech.

The Ministry of Culture has given permission for the printing of 120,000 copies of the new Bible, the Rev. Bohumir J. Sedlisky of the Czech Bible Work has reported to the United Bible Societies, the international associa-

tion of 59 Bible Societies who conduct Bible translation, publication, and distribution around the world.

The new translation is sponsored by the Czech Bible Work, which is the Scripture publication arm of the Czechoslovakian Ecumenical Council of Churches. Portions of the new translation completed in advance have been published in stages ever since 1968, but 1979 will be the first year the whole text will appear in print.

Mr. Sedlisky has appealed to the United Bible Societies for help in purchasing paper for the new Bible. The paper must be bought in Czechoslovakia, but with foreign currency.

Through its World Service Budget, the UBS subsidizes Bible work in many parts of the world where local resources are not sufficient. Each year about one-half of the budget, which totals \$12 million in 1977, is contributed by the American Bible Society.

The Kralice Bible anniversary is being planned as a national celebration in which both church and secular authorities will jointly participate. Plans call for a mobile exhibition, scholars' symposia, and the establishment of a Kralice Bible museum.

The Kralice Bible was translated by scholars belonging to the Unity of the Brethren (the spiritual heirs of John Huss, the 15th century Bohemian reformer). It has been the favorite Czech translation among the country's non-catholic churches. Its prestige in Czechoslovakia is comparable to that of the King James Version in the English-speaking world.

Cheerfulness and content are great beautifiers and are famous preservers of youthful looks. — Charles Dickens

## Olive Branch Honors 50-Year Members

Special services honoring eighteen 50-year members of Olive Branch's First Church were held Sunday, October 2. Twelve of the 18 members affiliated with the church for 50 years or longer were presented flowers in appreciation of a half-century of faithfulness to the Olive Branch church. "Those members present for the ceremonies were Mrs. Helen Allison, Mrs. Beulah Brigrance, Mrs. Leah Curbo, Mrs. Emma Flinn, Mrs. Lula Hall, Maury Haraway, Moody Henley, Mrs. Moody Henley, Mrs. Gladys Maxwell, Mrs. Christine F. Moore, Mrs. Al Sallack, and Mrs. Maggie D. Williams.

Half-century members not attending but receiving recognition included Mrs. B. J. Chain, Mrs. Virginia B. Haraway, Lucille Payne, Bruce Payne, Mrs. Jennie M. Cochran, and Mrs. Stafford McIntosh, Sr. P. J. Scott is the pastor.

## Hong Kong Pastor Visits Starkville On Sabbatical

By Anne McWilliams

Peter Leong has for seven years been pastor of the Tai Po Baptist Church in Hong Kong. This year his church gave him a five-month sabbatical leave. One of the three churches in the United States he chose to visit in search of wide and varied learning experiences was First Baptist Church, Starkville. He arrived there Sept. 16, for a visit of two weeks.

"I find that the music, preaching, and education ministry are more developed here than in Hong Kong," the young preacher said. "It has been very helpful for me to talk with the church staff, and to see them at work." His black eyes sparkled.

The energetic Leong is the only staff member the 150-member Tai Po Church has. He supervises the church's kindergarten of 320 students; he manages the church's book store; he is also pastor of the mission chapel that has 50 members.

In Starkville, he depended on Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Bond for bed and breakfast. The Bonds, who live across the street from the church, were former missionaries to Hong Kong. He ate most other meals in the homes of various families.

He realized a long-time dream of seeing an American football game when he and Pastor Raymond Lloyd went to a high school game at Louisville. "The pastor really got excited!" Leong said.

"Visiting the homes here in Starkville taught me a lot about the traditions and customs of Americans," the Chinese pastor said.

"We have learned a lot from him, too," Gretta Lloyd, the pastor's wife, said.

Cornelia Leavell, missionary, and Betty Vaught, missionary associate, both members of the Tai Po Baptist Church, picked the three churches their pastor would visit. (The other two were First Baptist, McAlester, Oklahoma, and First Baptist, Bristol, Va.) They chose three in different parts of the country which they knew would be different in size, in types of people, and in programs and activities. Cornelia and Betty, on furlough, have visited the churches with Leong.

"I'm going to lunch at the 'Lodily,'" he told Cornelia Leavell one day.

"I could not imagine where he meant," she said. "Then I realized that he was talking about the Rotary."

She said the two things he worried most about before he left for the States were: Can I speak English well enough? and Will I like the American food? He found a few months later that he could answer yes to both questions. He first began the study of English when he was in fifth grade. This trip gave him practice in pronunciation, and he said he could feel a definite improvement after a few weeks in America. He saw a university production of Job, the first play he had heard in English. He liked the American food, too — especially "the 31" (Baskin-Robbins ice cream).

He left Hong Kong June 26 to go to a theological conference in Korea. He

then came to the States by Korean Air Lines charter flight and spent August in Oklahoma at Falls Creek Baptist Assembly and at McAlester. He has visited three seminaries — Golden Gate, Southwestern, and New Orleans — where he has talked with professors and attended some classes. Before he leaves for London he plans to stop by headquarters of the Foreign Mission Board.

While he is away, other Hong Kong pastors are preaching at his church and the deacons are carrying on the business affairs.

"He was a missionary of his own while he was here," Mrs. Bond said. "He spoke to Acts and other mission organizations. Many of the Chinese families in Starkville called him, and he visited in some of their homes. He visited convalescent homes. He met Chinese students and faculty at Mississippi State. He spoke at prayer meeting, and gave his testimony during a Sunday morning worship service."

Peter Leong was born in Malaysia in 1945. He first came to know Christ at the age of 14. It was then that his mother, not a Christian, kicked him out of their home. As a result of her action, and because he felt God calling him into the ministry, he went to Hong Kong. Seven years later his mother became a Christian.

His brother, Leong Tuck Yue, is now pastor of the Kuantan Baptist Church in Malaysia. His sister, Leong Yit Wa, was the first woman to become chairman of the Baptist Council of Malaysia. She is also chairman of the Women's Department of the Baptist Convention of Malaysia.

After graduation from the Hong Kong Baptist Seminary in 1970 he became the pastor of the Tai Po Baptist Church. "I was the first bachelor the church ordained," he recalls. "They were much opposed to ordaining unmarried men, but now there are five bachelor pastors in Hong Kong."

However, he married Tso Kit Ching in 1974, a senior executive with Christian Communications Limited. They have a two-year-old daughter, Carol.

"My wife is going to meet me in London! That is another gift the church has given us." The two will spend three weeks in Europe and then go back to Hong Kong in late November.

"It is required that the Chinese pastor live at the church," Leong said. "We live in an apartment at the top of our three-story building. They share that floor with the children's playground and badminton court. The auditorium is on the second floor and the kindergarten and book store on the first floor."

"I was the first pastor to receive a sabbatical from my church, and my church was the first one in Hong Kong to give a sabbatical," he said. In a teasing voice he added, "I came to study the advanced methods here and find that churches I visited do not give the pastor a sabbatical!"

More seriously, he said, "My church may lose financially by this experiment, but I feel that they will gain spiritually and I hope in many other ways by what I have learned."



## Students Clown For Convalescents

Members of Ole Miss BSU bring the fun of clowns to residents of Graceland Convalescent Center in Oxford. Students, from left, are Albert Sanderson, Laurel Ken Hall, Pine Bluff, Ark.; Beth McCarver, Pine Bluff, Ark.; and Vicki Beardain, Batesville, local missions leader.

## Irrigation Project Poses Challenge on Antigua

RICHMOND (BP) — Trickle irrigation. To the average American it means little, if anything.

To Gary and Evelyn Harthcock in St. John's Antigua, it means the reality of a life-long dream and "tough ground" to conquer in an area where food is in short supply.

As 10-year veterans of the greenhouse business, the Harthcocks felt in the 1950s that God was guiding them into lay-witness ministries which later led Harthcock to work as a staff member of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and soon focused on foreign missions.

But being an agriculture major, instead of theology major, I experienced

some difficulty in finding the right place of service," said Harthcock, who said he "spent years seeking God's will."

In 1974 the Harthcocks left North Carolina and moved to Puerto Rico to search for foreign mission projects and "began praying like we never had before." Soon, they say, "God used people to open up the possibility" of working on the small Caribbean island of Antigua — population 72,000. They even made a trip to the island to see if someone with their agricultural background could be of assistance. "I was deeply impressed with the needs I saw there," Harthcock said.

After months of prayer and discussion, the Harthcocks were employed as Southern Baptist representatives by the Foreign Mission Board.

Arriving on the field they "had visions of seeing the island burst forth with green, leafy vegetables and other crops in about six to eight months; a year at the most," Harthcock said.

"As time passed, it became clearer to us that we were not in the United States. We were in a small country not yet completely independent, emerging from the colonial era, struggling to keep its head above water and sorely needing many of the tools, supplies and resources that we had taken for granted so many years."

Harthcock had hopes that trickle irrigation would be the answer to crop production in Antigua. "Trickle irrigation is a technique," as he describes it, "that's extremely conservative in the use of water, offering many savings in production costs." It supplies water directly to the roots. In overhead irrigation, water evaporates as it is sprayed through the air.

With plastic conducting equipment, the system has become successful in the hot, dry regions of the world, he said. Simply using a pump, filter and plastic tubing, water is conducted to the needed area. Advantages to the plastic tubing include its flexibility in either being laid on the earth's surface or buried two inches below. It also may be laid so that closely planted row crops or rows of trees can get sufficient water because specially constructed openings or emitters allow slow application of the water to specific spots.

So it was with the knowledge at hand that Gary Harthcock eagerly launched forward in January 1976 to start the project. But, as he said, "Things did not get off to a roaring start." It wasn't until late Spring of that year that the nod of approval was given by the Antiguan government.

One encouraging note was sounded, however, when not one, but two sites were offered for the project. Just as the project again appeared ready to get under way, another obstacle occurred — lack of supplies. Because equipment is ordered by mail, Harth-

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## How To Be A Good Host Evangelist

By Nancy McGough

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — You've been planning your revival for months.

The church needs it, the community needs it, and you need it. Now the time has come to take care of practical details. For example, how can you be a good host to the evangelist, so that he can do the best job he is capable of doing?

Two men with special insight in this area are Lewis Drummond, Billy Graham associate professor of evangelism at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here and Dr. Harold D. Tallant, church evangelist of Highview Baptist Church. Drummond has led over 150 revivals throughout the United States as well as in England, Yugoslavia, Australia and Mexico. Tallant, a master of theology graduate of the seminary (1941) was a pastor for 30 years before becoming a full-time evangelist eight years ago.

Both men suggest that as a good host you will want to establish communication and understandings about everything that will take place. This should be done as early as possible, and information on the number of services and their theme to details concerning transportation and accommodations.

Although some churches may consider it a sign of a poor host to arrange for the evangelist to stay in a motel, this may be his preference.

"I really prefer to stay in a motel," Drummond says. "It's far more relaxing. You're always 'on' when you're in a home. Of course I've stayed with some lovely people in homes, but there's always a certain amount of formality."

Tallant notes he stays in a motel 95 per cent of the time, but that he leaves the decision to the church, even though a motel is his preference. If he does stay in a home, he feels privacy is extremely important, and that neither he nor his hosts should feel the need to entertain the other.

For meals, Tallant and Drummond believe one meal a day in a home should be the maximum, with the others eaten privately at a restaurant. This is because when an evangelist is taken to different homes to eat, he feels obliged to eat more than he wants to show his appreciation. In addition, three meals a day in different homes can take up as much as six hours in a day.

Time is precious to the evangelist, both men concur. A good host will give ample study time, Drummond says. He suggests giving the entire morning for study, unless there are morning services or there is special visitation that can be done only at that time. Four or five hours is a minimum of study time the evangelist needs. Also, he should be given time alone just before the services.

"He needs half an hour at least to calm down, collect his thoughts, and get his mind and heart prepared for the service," Drummond says.

Besides adequate study time, Tallant also emphasizes the need for the pastor and evangelist to make visits in the afternoons. He believes the pastor should prepare in advance a list of visits to be made.

Making financial arrangements clear is another way to be a good host. This way, the evangelist is not always "up in the air," Drummond points out, adding that for many evangelists, revival offerings are their means of supporting their families. Such is the case of Tallant, who notes money is probably the most "touchy subject" of the revival. He adds he does not take it upon himself to ask about money, and so he seldom knows the arrangements.

Keeping these suggestions in mind, along with careful preparation for the revival in the community and through prayer, and continuous evangelism throughout the year, will help your church have a meaningful and revitalizing revival.

Nancy McGough is feature editor for Southern Seminary.

## Staff Changes

Jim Keith of Laurel has accepted the call of First Church, Gulfport, to be pastor. He will begin his ministry there on Nov. 6.

Keith, a native of Jackson, has been pastor of First Church, Laurel, for three years. A graduate of Mississippi College, he received the Doctor of Theology degree from Southwestern Seminary.

The Gulfport church has been without a pastor since last December, when John Traylor resigned to go to First Church, Monroe, La. Joe Odle, retired editor of the Baptist Record, has served as interim pastor.

Kent Crider has assumed duties as minister of music and youth of New Hope Church, Foxworth. On his first Sunday, October 16, the church gave a reception and pounding in honor of him and his wife, Jerry Susan, and their seven-month-old son, Kyle.

Thomas G. Middleton is the new pastor of Halbert Heights Church, Brookhaven. A graduate of Mississippi State University, he is a second-year student at New Orleans Seminary.

Wayne Kimbrough has become the new pastor of Calvary Church, Yazoo City. He is a graduate of Mississippi College, and New Orleans Seminary where he received the Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry Degrees. He goes from First Church, Pontotoc, where he had served as associate pastor and minister of youth since June 1974. He is a native of Jackson. His wife, the former Ann Beall, is from Wesson.

Tex Watson is the new minister of education and evangelism at McDowell Road Church, Jackson. After 2½ years as associate pastor of Liberty Church in Atlanta, Georgia, he went to Fort Worth to work on requirements for a Doctorate of Ministries degree at Southwestern Seminary. He will be completing his work on that degree while at McDowell Road. He and his wife are Georgians.

Ann and Wayne Kimbrough




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# SCRAPBOOK

## Autumn

These are the days when  
Birds come back  
A very few—  
a bird or two—  
To take a  
backward look.

These are the days  
when skies resume  
The old—old sophistries  
of June—  
A blue and  
gold mistake.

Oh fraud that cannot  
cheat the Bee—  
Almost thy  
plausibility  
Induces my  
belief.

—Emily Dickinson

In Autumn when the  
woods are red  
And skies are  
gray and clear,  
The sportsmen seek  
the wild fowls' bed—  
Or follow down  
the deer;  
And Cupid hunts by  
haugh and head,  
By riverside  
and mere,  
I walk, not seeing  
where I tread  
And keep my heart  
with fear,  
Sir, have an eye,  
on where you tread,  
And keep your heart  
with fear,  
For something  
lingers here:  
A touch of April  
not yet dead,  
In Autumn when the  
woods are red  
And skies are  
gray and clear.

—R. L. Stevenson



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## Indian Summer

Along the line of smoky hills  
The crimson forest stands,  
And all the day the blue-jay calls  
Throughout the autumn lands.

Now by the brook the maple leans  
With all his glory spread,  
And all the sumachs on the hills  
Have turned their green to red.

Now by great marshes wrapt in mist,  
Or past some river's mouth  
Throughout the long, still autumn day  
Wild birds are flying south.

—Wilfred Campbell (1889)

## Reach Out

There are nations whose people  
Know not the true God  
Reach out to them  
Take them God's Word

Many are lonely  
Their hearts filled with despair  
Reach out and touch them  
Show them you care

Christ gave a commission  
When He went away  
His voice is still speaking  
To His church today.

—Clara Boone

## Migrating Bird

And darkness rises from the eastern  
valleys  
And the winds buffet her with their  
hungry breath,  
And the great earth, with neither grief  
nor malice,  
Receives the tiny burden of her death.

—A. D. Hope

## Light

The man who has within,  
a heart of secret sin,  
Though he's drenched in sunlight,  
stumbles as in the night.

The man who is godly  
has the vision to see  
And walks through stormy night  
as in blazing daylight.

—Victor Vaughan

## Mississippians Accept Hawaiian Pastorates

Charles A. Jolly, Sr. resigned at Madison Baptist Church, Madison, N. Y., on October 2, to accept the pastorate of Waikiki Baptist Church, Honolulu, Hawaii, beginning January 15, 1978.

Jolly is a native Mississippian. He has been pastor of the Madison congregation for nine years. He is President of the Baptist Convention of New York.

Jolly was instrumental in helping to start work for Southern Baptists in the Metropolitan New York area in 1957, from Annapolis, Maryland where he was. The work has grown from 20 people to some 200 congregations and some 20,000 members.

The Waikiki Church is located on world famous Waikiki Beach where there are only two other churches. It involves pastoring a congregation which will project hotel and resort ministries in this tremendously developing area.

The church building on Waikiki is a beautiful property and in large measure was paid for by tourists who attend the worship services every Sunday morning from all over the world. This acquisition of property was greatly aided by the Southern Baptist layman, Owen Cooper from Yazoo City.

### Kellys in Honolulu

Dr. and Mrs. Earl Kelly were in Honolulu for a short rest at the conclusion of their recent world mission tour. The rest turned into a round-robin series of preaching engagements in pastorless churches. One of those churches was the Waikiki Baptist Church.

More than 25 of the visitors who were recognized in that particular worship service were Mississippians, mostly Baptists. One native Hawaiian woman made a profession of faith during the invitation time.

Charles Jolly and his wife were classmates of Kelly. Mrs. Jolly is the daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Patterson of Mississippi.

Kelly states, "God has blessed Mississippi by placing so many of her native children in the showcase of the Hawaiian archipelago. In addition to the Jollys, we will be represented in Honolulu by the Curtis Askews, Johnny Armistead, and Mrs. Dan Kong."

Olivet Church, Honolulu, has called Curtis Askew, Mississippian, as pastor. He first went to Olivet as missions pastor in 1972 to minister to the Japanese language department and had been serving as interim pastor of the English speaking congregation for the past year and a half.

Before going to Hawaii, the Askews served for 22 years as Foreign Mission Board appointees in Japan.

The new Olivet pastor was born in Sardis, Mississippi and has degrees from Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary.

Olivet Church, constituted in 1941, has a membership of over 1,000 and leads Hawaii Baptist churches in resident membership and stewardship.

Mrs. Askew, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Trenor, Sr. of Houston, Miss., is completing her second term as president of the Hawaii Baptist Woman's Missionary Union and is a teacher at the Hawaii Baptist Academy.

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A new theological journal, The Mid-America Theological Journal, is being published by Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary. The first issue will deal with studies in Exodus. Four Mid-America professors have contributed to this first edition: Dr. Roy Beaman, Dr. T. V. "Corky" Farris, Dr. Jimmy Milliken, and Dr. David Skinner. Each of these men believes in verbal inspiration of the Bible. The Journal will be available November 15, and copies may be purchased at \$1.50 each by writing to Mid-America Theological Journal; P. O. Box 3624; Memphis, Tennessee 38103.

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## Books Project Gets Whirlwind Start

First Church, Yazoo City, got a "head start" on their part of the State Brotherhood-sponsored project, "Books for Christian Service." As most Mississippi Baptists are aware by now, the objective of this project is to collect from 50,000 to 75,000 books. The books will be used to establish or enhance libraries at home and abroad where the libraries can be used as an instrument of Christian witness.

On Sunday, September 25, ("Books for Christian Service Awareness Day") the people of First Church, Yazoo City, were simply made aware of the upcoming book drive. Although October 9, was announced as the target date to begin collecting books, the people began bringing books to the church almost immediately!

On Monday morning, October 3, Cortez Hutchinson, minister of education and administration, decided to see just how far the collection had progressed. A week before the actual collection was to begin, 620 books had already been donated toward the overall goal of 1,000 books.

Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, Chairman of the State-wide Steering Committee and a deacon in First Church, suggested a minimum of one or two books from every church family. He expects his church to surpass this goal if folks keep bringing books at the present rate. October 30 is the deadline for completing the book collection.

James F. Yates serves as pastor of the Yazoo City congregation.



## Lab Wing Opens In Paraguay

Ribbon-cutting ceremonies marked the recent opening of the laboratory wing of Baptist Hospital in Asuncion, Paraguay. The new addition, begun in 1974, more than doubles the previous space delegated to laboratory work. Participating in the ceremonies were: (from left to right) Southern Baptist Missionary William A. Hickman Jr., hospital administrator; George Landau, U. S. ambassador to Paraguay; Dr. Rodolfo Baires, chief private secretary to Paraguay's minister of public health; Southern Baptist Missionary Dr. William Skinner, chief of medical staff (shown at rear); Mrs. Landau, wife of the ambassador; and Dr. Jovino Cabrera, director of Baptist Hospital. (FMB photo by Dr. W. Tom Kent)

### A Woman's World Reaches For Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

A few of our friends are reluctant to converse with me at any length on anything of consequence, for, they say, they fear they'll be quoted in this column. However, some are not so fearful.

A couple of weeks ago I wrote about a golf tee on top of the coffee pot at the Joe Barber house. Well, we went to eat lunch with some more friends Saturday before last. Billy and Faye Rogers were hosting the day. Almost before I was completely in the door, I was dispatched to the coffee pot. Billy followed me, very anxious that I get there.

Perched on top of the coffee pot, secured with half a roll of scotch tape was a golf tee. The explanation was, "We want equal time."

The couple of dozen other people there had fun laughing about the tee that had been bought specifically for the coffee pot, though it did not even have a missing pot. My response was, "There's no way I can write another column about a golf tee!" A few weird thoughts came to mind, but I thought better of mentioning them and of writing about them — things like a pun, "tee pot" and a few even worse!

But I could write column after column about the joy we feel when we are with the good friends who were there. These gatherings have been annual, semi-annual, or quarterly — however often all or a big part of us manage — for more than twenty years now. Most of the friendships begin "way back in college and seminary days."

Have you ever been with people whom you were afraid to leave because they might not be fair if they talked about you later? Maybe one of the nicest things I can say about the sort of friendship this bunch I'm writing about has is that I never worry if we have to be the first to leave: I know that if they say anything about us, it'll be the truth — good or bad, but only truth.

So, golf tees notwithstanding, that Saturday has been stored away in our bank of memories to grow old by.

## Irrigation

(Continued from page 5)  
cock, at times, doesn't know when it will arrive or when it will be by cargo ship or air.

Other disappointments clouded the picture. Two electric pumps burned out. Then came the drought.

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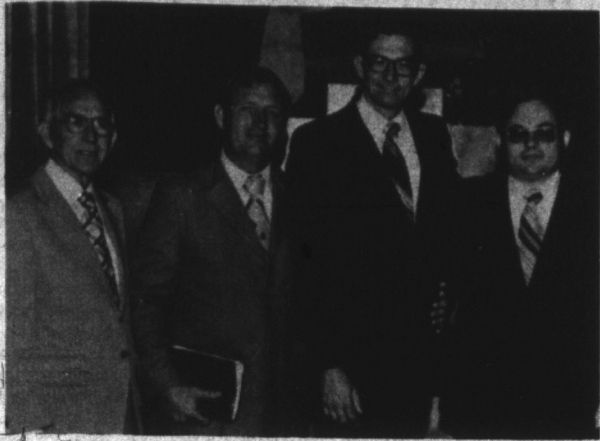
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## NAMES IN THE NEWS



Jason Sharpe was ordained to the gospel ministry on Oct. 9 at Mt. Carmel Church, Edinburg. He has accepted the pastorate of McDonald Church in Leake County. Danny Moss, Mt. Carmel pastor, preached the ordination sermon. Woodrow Clark delivered the charge to the candidate. Randolph Scott delivered the charge to the church. Left to right, above, are Clark, Scott, Sharpe, and Moss.

Jean Smith, special project worker to Tanzania, has arrived on the field (address: Box 723, Mbeya, Tanzania). A native of Mississippi, she was born in Lambert and grew up in Vance. Before she was employed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1977 for a year's service, she worked as a registered nurse at Northwest Mississippi Regional Medical Center in Clarksdale.

Arthur Walker, Jr. recently surrendered to the gospel ministry, during a service at Robinhood Church, Rankin County. Mrs. Walker surrendered for service as a pastor's wife. He is available for supply preaching. He resides at 108 4th St., Brandon, Miss. 39042 (phone 825-3055).

David Grant, pastor of Broadmoor Church, Jackson, and former president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, has been suffering from a throat ailment that involved surgery on his vocal cords. In late September he entered Oschners Clinic in New Orleans. On his release from the hospital there his doctors suggested that he not preach for at least six more weeks. He is back in Jackson, recuperating.

Timothy A. Hedquist, minister of education at First Church, Nashville, has been elected director of financial planning and assistant to the treasurer of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, Nashville, effective Nov. 1. He succeeds Billy D. Malesovas, who will become chief accountant for Baylor College of Dentistry, Dallas. — (BP) Photo



Kim Johnson, missionary journeyman, has arrived on the field (address: P. O. Box 32, Limuru, Kenya). A native of Mississippi, he was born in Grenada, and also lived in Vicksburg.

Nancy Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Smith of Brookhaven, has received a 16-year pin for perfect attendance in Sunday School. Now 17, she has missed only once at Sunday School in her entire life — the Sunday after she was born. She is a senior at Brookhaven Academy and a member of Friendship Church, Brookhaven, Wiley Reid, pastor.

J. Clark Hensley, executive director, Christian Action Commission, was the guest lecturer for a doctoral colloquium at the Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex. recently. For several years he has given lectures to ethics classes one day each term at the New Orleans Seminary.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Wendell Powers, missionary associates to Taiwan, may be addressed at P. O. Box 27-24, Taichung, Taiwan 400, Republic of China. She is the former Laquita Inmon of Mississippi.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul S. C. Smith, missionaries to Jordan, may be addressed at P. O. Box 17051, Amman, Jordan. He was born in Silver Creek, Miss.

### After 39 Years

## Reception Honors Outlaw Retiring Custodian

First Church, Starkville honored Lucious Outlaw with a reception on Sunday evening, Oct. 9, on his retirement as head custodian of the church. Outlaw has been an employee of that church for 39 years.

The congregation of Second Baptist Church, Starkville, which is Outlaw's home church, and their pastor, Arthur Townsend, were invited to share in the evening worship service and the reception.

In 1938, Outlaw went to work as custodian for First Baptist Church. His

annual compensation at that time was \$150, or \$3 per week. For 39 years he has served First Church, except for three years when he was in the U.S. Armed Forces during World War II. On Oct. 2 he retired.

His wife, Lillie Mae, is a house mother at Mary Holmes College, West Point. The Outlaws have one son, Lucious Outlaw, Jr., professor at Morgan State University, Baltimore, Md.

Raymond Lloyd is the Starkville pastor.



### Holly Springs Gets Training Award

First Church of Holly Springs recently received the Distinguished Church Training Award. Left to right: Tommy Tutor, pastor; Ralph Thomason, minister of education and music; Charles Bennett, Church Training director; Mike Martin, Church Training youth director; Mrs. Byron Hill, Church Training children's director; Mrs. Lake Johnson, Church training preschool director. (Not pictured: Byron Hill, Church Training adult director).



### Franklin Lecturer At Ole Miss

Robert L. Johnson (left) of Duke University, southern regional director of the National Institute for Campus Ministries, and the first Maud Dickson Franklin Memorial Lecturer in Literature and Religion at The University of Mississippi, talks with Ole Miss students W. C. "Sonny" Widman of McComb and Mary Martha Williams of Oxford, granddaughter of the late Mrs. Franklin. The lecture series was established this year by the family of Mrs. Franklin, wife of A. J. Franklin of 3746 Old Canton Rd., Jackson.

Mrs. Franklin's daughter, Mrs. Polly Williams, is director of religious activities at Ole Miss. Her niece, Edwina Robinson of Jackson, now retired, was formerly executive secretary of Mississippi WMU.

## Zambia Crusade Reports Over 4,700 Decisions

LUSAKA, Zambia (BP) — The Zambia Baptist Crusade held here in September resulted in 4,706 decisions for Christ including 2,706 professions of faith.

Franklin A. Kilpatrick, Southern Baptist missionary press representative, reported that in spite of a curfew imposed during the first part of the crusades, the services continued for the most part as planned.

"Attendance in Lusaka was still

down a bit," Kilpatrick said, "though not disappointingly low. The laymen were especially active in leading the churches during the crusade."

Eighteen pastors and musicians from the United States who participated in the crusade were scheduled to meet with Zambian President K. D. Kaunda, but the meeting had to be cancelled because of the president's other responsibilities with affairs of state.

## Jesse Fletcher To Be School President

Jessie C. Fletcher, pastor of First Church, Knoxville, Tenn., has resigned the pastorate to become president of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex. He had been at the Knoxville church since May 1975.

Prior to his Knoxville pastorate, he was director of the Foreign Mission Board's

mission support division for six years and on the board staff for 15 years. He will assume his duties at the Southern Baptist school Nov. 1. (BP) photo

### Autumn

One day I walked a path around a bend through a tree-covered glen while leaves fell paper thin of red and brown with gold to blend as they floated gently upon the wind stirring sensations as the change began from life to death, to return again — our gift from God at winter's end. — B. A. Roberts



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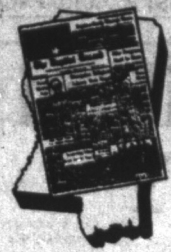
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## Just For The Record



Clayton and Paula Jordan, pictured at left with Cowboy Andy, helped to celebrate GREAT DAY at Halbert Heights Church, Brookhaven, on Oct. 2. In spite of stormy weather, a record high attendance marked that Sunday.

the beginning of a new church year. Jordan sang and played the guitar during the service and after a potluck dinner (above) in Fellowship Hall. Thomas G. Middleton is the new pastor at Halbert Heights.



MEMBERS OF FIRST CHURCH, UNION, observed a Pastor Appreciation Day on Pastor Douglas White's fifth anniversary at the church, Sept. 25. The church presented White and his family with a love offering and a gift of an inscribed silver water pitcher. In attendance for the presentation were White's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. White of Atmore, Alabama. The congregation joined together for a dinner on the ground. Pictured with Pastor and Mrs. White are their children Lisa, Tony, and Paula.



HOLLY CHURCH (Alcorn), burned the note on Sept. 11 that was made in 1974, under the ministry of the former pastor, Exall Burleson. The money was used to remodel the pastorial and to build a gymnasium and fellowship hall. Committeemen who recommended this project were Bill Taylor, Danny Bradley, Cecil Taylor and Manley Jones. The note was burned by Carter Bradley, who made the motion on January 4, 1974, to borrow the money and begin the construction. The present pastor is Dan Emerson.

### Sunday School Lesson: International For October 23

## Discovering True Security

By W. J. Fallis  
Luke 12:13-31; 1 Timothy 6:6-21



Fallis  
In September we began this three-month study entitled "The New Testament Speaks to Human Concerns," with most of the Scripture passages coming from Luke. We've thought about integrity, hope, love, and forgiveness as making up the Christian life-style. Even some believers feel, however, that these patterns have a hard time in our kind of world. The theme of this lesson makes us confront the nitty-gritty of covetousness, a flaw that can be found in Christians as well as non-Christians. But Jesus was speaking to his disciples, and not one of them was rich. He still speaks to us this way: Don't depend on things for real meaning in life; focus on the one great Truth and reorganize your priorities accordingly.

**The Lesson Explained**  
Amassing Wealth But Ignoring God (vv. 16-21)  
The setting for this parable was an occasion of teaching his disciples when the surrounding multitude of listeners was so great that "they trod upon one another." Someone in the crowd suddenly interrupted Jesus, asking that he tell a brother to divide his inheritance. Refusing the request, Jesus warned his disciples about covetousness.

Notice that Jesus did not say that God blessed the rich man with plentiful harvests. Wealth is not necessarily a blessing; that depends upon its user. As the rich man's fields yielded increasing produce, he had no idea how to use it except to build larger barns. Money-making people would applaud that kind of thinking or perhaps suggest that he should diversify his investments. Few people would blame him for deciding to take it easy; he could be comfortable for years to come. He thought only of himself. So confident of the future, he could not imagine that his life would end that night and God would ask: "Then who will get all these things you have kept for yourself?" (v. 20, TEV). Jesus said that this is what happens to the person who ignores God's evaluation of things.

Depending On God's Care (vv. 22-28)

Jesus came much closer to the problems of his disciples when he talked about just food and clothing. After all, many men of that era worked only on a day-to-day basis. A fisherman might lose a net or a boat; a farmer might lose his crop. To such men Jesus said, "Do not be anxious" (v. 22, RSV) or "worried" (TEV) about what they would eat or wear. He did not mean for them to shirk adult responsibilities and say blithely, "The Lord will provide." But while doing their part as breadwinners, they were not to be torn up about the uncertainty of tomorrow. When Jesus pointed to the ravens and the lilies, he was not referring to their faith but to God's providence. Because persons are in the image of God, he is more concerned for their welfare than for birds and flowers. But persons sometimes doubt the goodness of God, and they get anxious about what life will bring. Pointing up the futility of anxiety, Jesus said that no one could increase his height (or it may mean "lengthen his life") by worrying about it. So, the venture of really depending on God's care calls for more than a little faith.

**Focusing On God's Reign** (vv. 29-31)  
When Jesus referred to "the nations of the world," he was reminding his Jewish disciples that they were different from other people. Their religion emphasized God's care for his people; surely they would not fall into the faith-

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**Charity is the perfection and ornament of religion — Addison**

**A good laugh is sunshine in a house. Thackeray**

**There is only one thing in the world worse than being talked about, and that is not being talked about. — Wilde**

**When you can't see the bright side, polish the dull side. — JAN McKEITHEN.**

**I never think of the future. It comes soon enough. — Albert Einstein**

**Advice may be bad for nothing and is usually worth it.**

**To be a good leader you need a lot of people dumb enough to follow.**

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**The first miracle of Jesus as told by John is presented as a simple surface story that anyone can understand and re-tell. But underneath the story is a wealth of wisdom and knowledge that is wonderful. The same is true of the cleansing of the Temple. The two stories tell us more than the details of Jesus and His work.**



**Duncan**  
The wedding in Cana was one of the happy times that Jesus shared. But something went wrong. They ran out of wine. The occasion of a wedding was one of festivity and joy. But the Rabbin said, "without wine there is no joy." It was not that they were drunken but failure to be hospitable was embarrassing. Hospitality was a sacred duty. For the wine to fail at a wedding would be a humiliation to the bride and groom.

Mary came to Jesus to tell him of the need. The response of Jesus' words has made some feel that Jesus was discourteous. This was not true. The term woman was a title of respect and close



### Portrait Hung

The Clarke College Board of Trustees and members of the Clarke Development Council hung a portrait of President-emeritus W. L. Compere in the college library on Sept. 20. This was done in recognition of the more than 22 years of service Compere gave to the college as its president. Clarke President, S. L. Harris, presided at the ceremony.

Others on program were James Booth of Eupora, president of the Clarke Board of Trustees; M. L. Flynt, Jr. of Meridian, vice-president of the trustees; and Hugh Poole, pastor of First Church, Macon, a Clarke alumnus and a member of the Board of Trustees.

### Booth Accepts Oregon Call To Church Of Deaf

James W. Booth, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Booth of New Hebron, has accepted the call as pastor of First Baptist Church of the Deaf in Portland, Oregon. The church is the only Southern Baptist Church ministering exclusively to the deaf.

Booth received the B.S. degree from Mississippi College, Master of Science degree in counseling from the University of Southern Mississippi, and the Master of Religious Education degree from New Orleans Seminary. While attending New Orleans Seminary, he served as Minister to the Deaf at the First Baptist Church of New Orleans.

He is married to the former Edith Ann King of Jackson. The Booths have one child. They expect to move to Portland on November 1. Their new address will be First Baptist Church of the Deaf, 2003 S. E. Larch Avenue, Portland, Ore. 97214.

## Spanish Sunday School Quarterly Announced

NASHVILLE — A Spanish translation of an adult Sunday School quarterly will be published by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board beginning in October 1978.

"Repeated requests" from Spanish speaking people in Texas, Florida, California and Illinois prompted the board to begin publication of the new quarterly, according to Robert G. Fulbright, director of the board's Bible teaching division.

Ramon Martinez, language missions consultant to Southern Baptist Convention agencies who has been instrumental in the planning of the quarterly, said this new publication would address "specific needs of the Spanish speaking people."

Spanish speaking congregations in the United States have a total of approximately 75,000 members in 1,200 congregations. Of that number, Texas has nearly 400 Spanish speaking congregations. Southern Baptists have the largest number of Spanish Baptist churches in the world.

### Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work For October 23

## Bringing Joy And Judgment

By Bill Duncan, Long Beach, First John 2

to our word Mama. The meaning was, "Don't worry; you don't quite understand what is going on; leave things to me, and I will settle them in my own way." However Jesus spoke, Mary was confident in Him. She told the servants to do as Jesus told them to do.

The servants were instructed to fill the large water jars. These water pots were used to provide water for foot-washing and handwashing according to the purifying ceremonies of the Jews.

He then sent the servants to the well for more water which he turned into wine. The new wine was better than the other. The response of the host was that of astonishment. Why was the best served last?

The miracle showed that the new joy would come from a source other than Old Testament ceremonies. He was the new source of joy. His joy was much better. So it was at a wedding that Jesus first showed His glory. In the miracle He showed His power and His relationship to God. The disciples saw Jesus whom they had come to obey and trust as a worker of miracles by the power of God.

According to John's Gospel, Jesus

made frequent visits to Jerusalem. The cleansing of the Temple is given by John to show His authority. He is not so interested in when as much as that He did cleanse the Temple because the act was a part of the promised Messiah. Right at the beginning John showed Jesus acting as God's Messiah.

The anger of Jesus was shown in the way money-changers overcharged the worshippers. The Temple-tax had to be paid in Galilean shekels or in the shekels of the sanctuary. The foreign currencies had to be changed and a fee was charged. It was a rampant and shameless social injustice and, what was worse, it was being done in the name of religion.

Besides the money-changers there was a corruption among the sellers of oxen and sheep and doves. The priest would reject an animal brought by the worshiper in order to sell him another one from their pens.

Because people were being persecuted in the name of pure religion, Jesus made a whip and ran them out of the Temple area. There were at least three reasons for this act.

(1) He acted as He did because God's house was being desecrated.

(2) It may be that Jesus acted the way He did in order to show that the whole paraphernalia of animal sacrifice was completely irrelevant.

(3) The action of Jesus may have been to remove the barriers of the Gentiles for worship. The money-changers were using the court of Gentiles for their business. "The conduct of the Temple court shut out the seeking Gentile from the fringe of the presence of God."

We need to be careful to understand that worship without reverence can be a terrible thing. Irreverence may be a leader or congregation-unprepared. It may be the selfish use of the church building for a personal gain and not the glory of God.

The disciples learned daily about Jesus and His work. In John 2, the disciples of today are made aware that Jesus is the source of joy and the instrument of judgment. He expects much out of His disciples.

Jesus had come to bring joy to human lives even in ordinary ways. He had something new to give that was better than the old. But the person must believe in Him to even see the Kingdom, much less experience it.

### Devotional

## Life Insurance

By Ralph Kelly, Pastor  
Green's Creek, Petal

"And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt" (Ex. 12:13).

The selling of life insurance is a big multimillion dollar business and there are many salesmen out there of every sort whose business it is to sell all of us insurance on our lives.

Exodus 12:13 tells us about the best kind of life insurance. It has to do with eternal life and the policy is written in the blood of Jesus Christ.

We are all exposed to the wrath of God just as the Israelites and all the people of Egypt were when this verse was written. The Israelites were a part of that nation whether they liked it or not. The sentence was passed on all of them. Romans 3:23 says in a New Testament way that "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." It is a fact that Israel had shared deeply in the sins of Egypt.

The only remedy was the blood of a sacrifice as it was placed on the board above the door. As the death angel passed over and saw the blood, those of that house were saved from death.

All of this, of course, pointed to a future sacrifice to come in Christ, the slain Lamb of God. All sacrifices find complete fulfillment in Him.

Only one thing distinguishes the gospel of grace and extinguished the religions of the world. In other world religions, the blood flows from the devotees to the gods that appease them. In Christianity, the blood flows from the God to the needy sinners.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down  
Did ever such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown.

God Himself met His own requirement in the death of His Christ. He does not require our blood — He has already given His own.

## Revival Dates

Clear Creek (Wayne): Oct. 23-28; W. A. Godsey, converted Jew, and editor of *Latter Day Magazine*, evangelist; Pat Powell, music director; services at 7:30 p.m.; B. Z. Byrd, pastor.

Holly Grove (Simpson): Oct. 19-22 at 7:30 p.m. and 11 a.m. Oct. 23; John Stanley, evangelist; Tim Prevost, Mississippi College, music director.

Orange Grove, First Church: Oct. 23-28; Sunday 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Fri., 7 p.m.; A. J. Pace, pastor of East Moss Point, evangelist; H. L. Davis, pastor.

Eastlawn Pascagoula: October 23-28; at 7 p.m.; Tilford Jenkins, pastor of Bethany Church Cranhill, Ala., evangelist; David McArthur of Huntsville, Ala., guest musician; Thomas D. Miller, associate pastor; Roscoe Wentworth, pastor.

Eastside, Belzoni: Oct. 23-28; George King, pastor, Berry, Ala., evangelist; music under direction of Ed Sudduth, minister of music, Fairview, Indiana; at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Oct. 23; services Oct. 24-28 nightly at 7; Tommy Arinder, pastor.

Pinelake (Rankin): Oct. 23-28; Lannie Wilbourn, pastor of Pinelake, evangelist; Bill Clark, music director at Madison Church and television personality, in charge of music; services at 7:30 p.m.

No man ever fails until he fails on the inside.

Fear of criticism is the kiss of death in the courtship of achievement.

Prayer is asking for rain and faith is carrying the umbrella.

## Off The Record

Small Boy: "Dad, where are the Alps?"  
Father, absorbed in the evening paper: "Ask your mother. She's the one who puts everything away."

A woman was driving along a country road, when she noticed two line-men start up a telephone pole.  
"They certainly are stupid," she said to her friend. "They must think I never drove before."

First duck: "Check that twin-engine jet that just went by; don't you wish you could fly that fast?"  
Second duck: "Buddy, if I had two tails and they were both on fire — you wouldn't even see me!"